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Ida H. Grant to Sis, July 26, [1891]

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1891?

Vienna July 26th

Dear Sir - I received your
letters written before you
sailed and also, your
check for the last two
florins, all of which I
would have acknow-
ledged sooner, had I not
been really too busy
to think - Mrs
Mc Lee and Mrs Garrison

Staid with us just a
Week and I think ev-
eryone their mit-very
well, though it was
such a quiet affair com-
pared to what they
had been having in
London and Paris
He took them all around
right-seeing, every thing
that was open at this

Season, went to the Opera, ^{which was open after} and
and had some Diplomats meet
them at dinner once. The few we
could gather together, most of whom
spoke English - Mrs Mc'C and Mrs
Harrison could not speak French
at all - They were delighted with
"Brecoll," each got a dress, and wanted

I have more made but had already
ordered in Paris some and it was
quite evident they had not enough
ready cash, to buy all they might have
liked as they left good patterns
for which they were fitted, with the
hope of sending back to me, to get
them altered or made as several

other things^{5th} as they
thought things very
Duty and Cheap here.

I found them very
agreeable and nice,
Mrs Russell the patient
was a little the most
elegant, but neither of
them so hesitating and
undecided, as Mrs Lin-
coln described. I think
they were very glad

I find some one who was not a great deal
richer than themselves, and some one who had
occupied just the same position they now hold
and who understood the "ins and outs." They
seemed very appreciative, very anxious to have
a nice little trip without intruding on the Minis-
ters, and yet enjoying all they received. I was
so nice to them in every way possible that they
seemed very grateful and perfectly charmed
when I had told them, they "ought to get all the
good they possibly could out of their Father's
King President" - then he suggested he had not gotten

More, etc. - I am highly
amused at the American
papers having such
good representative
accounts of all the
Wendell arrangements
that Reid and Thompson
were making for the Inter-
Continental - Of the President
fairly, etc, when Mrs
Reid left home while
they were there, and they did

9th
not decide before they
left here to go to Mr Sheps
although, he wrote them
many invitations. Mrs
Sheps was at Carlsbad
and in the last invitation
he mentioned that he and
his daughter would be
so disappointed not to
see them etc. They had
positively declined though

they really wanted to see
Berlin - and had a
plan to dine on a Coach
in the Black Forest with
some friends - They
may go back to Berlin
now they find his daughter
has come to receive
^{Don't mention this. They did}
~~them~~ ^{not refer to Mrs Phelps absence} I observed that
Mr. Foster has ever yet
announced, that they
came here, though Mrs

Grant gave up her only chance of
going away from ^{home} to see them - Still
that is what it means to have a good
organ at home to keep things straight
for one - As the Harbours re-
mained here until the 25th of
July and as they had promised
to give his secretary leave of absence
the 1st of August there is no use your
trying to get up to the Mountains in
those few days, especially as we
pay all our servants for the rest of
this month, so we have decided to
not remain on until the 1st of
August with the hope that Messrs
Bullworth Lindsay & Co. will

Come before ^{13th} then, so
We can entertain
them nicely in our home
Fred has written asking
when they will be here.
It is very good of you
to send the money but
I am really very sorry
you did so, as it will
give us great pleasure
to do any thing we can
for them — in every way

and we are very glad
you let us know they
were coming. After
the 1st of August - we will
not content ourselves
with going to Vöslau or
some place very near
by - I really do not
care to go away at all,
only the little change
may be good for the
children - before they re-

Summe their studies -

We sent you a telegram, Friday
night, the evening the Harrisons
arrived, wishing you "Bon
Voyage", and it was returned
to us the next day. I can't tell
why? It was directed to the steamer
that Miss Hayes wrote me, you
boarded sail on. I am glad to
see that "Phoebe" is disposed of.

Think all about what you
want to do here and send me a
letter which I might enclose in one
to the Princess Metternich if you think
it right - to do so - I'll make no further
about this - don't know your sum-
mer address? Off - I am R Grant